GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DRYLAND FARMING SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Wether dryland farming is being reviewed to consider launching the scheme afresh under Common Minimum Programme of the Government;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The action taken/proposed to be taken during the last two years/coming two years to speed up action thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) to (c) The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture is formulating a scheme on `Enhancing Sustainability of Dry Land Rainfed Farming Systems` for the development of agriculture in the areas where rainfall is low/scanty. Under the proposed scheme rainwater harvesting, water conservation, efficient use of water, especially as life saving irrigation is proposed to be given a thrust. Other areas which would be addressed through the scheme include recharging of ground water, enriching the rainfed areas with organic matter, adoption of alternative cropping system, appropriate field operations, optimum/need based use of agricultural inputs including high yielding seeds, transfer of dry land farming technology through farmers 1 training and field demonstration, etc.